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Letter dated 18 August 2003 from the President of the World Deserts Foundation addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

The World Deserts Foundation hereby submits its application for permanent observer status with the Economic and Social Council, as set forth in rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

The World Deserts Foundation was established to fight poverty, protect the environment and enhance the cultures and traditions of the desert people. The approach of the Foundation is meant to be multidimensional, taking into account not only the technical and ecological aspects, but also the economic, social and legal dimensions of the desertification problem, as well as sustainable development. Hence, the objectives of the World Deserts Foundation converge with those of the Economic and Social Council. Furthermore, the World Deserts Foundation, inspired by paragraph 27 of the Millennium Declaration, is committed to the pursuit of peace and sustainable development as the key to a much larger involvement of developing countries in the world economy.

Please find enclosed a paper explaining the structure and activities of the Foundation and how it might contribute to the work of the Council.[1]

The World Deserts Foundation would be most grateful if its request were to be considered by the Council.

(*Signed*) Chérif **Rahmani**
President
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[1] The enclosure is deposited with the secretariat of the Council and can be examined by Member States upon request.

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